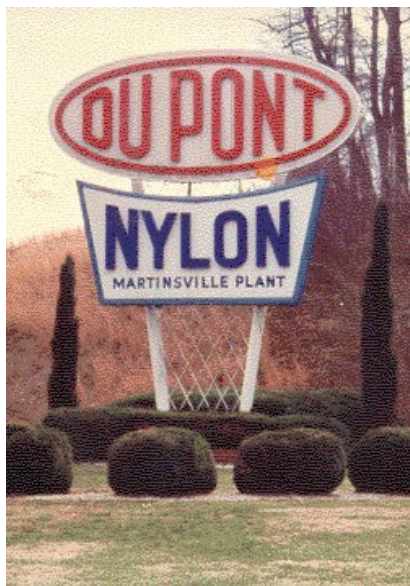


DuPont Martinsville Martinsville, VA



The Challenge

The DuPont Martinsville Site occupies approximately 550 acres in Henry County, Virginia. The site operated between 1941 and 1998, and was one of the world's largest nylon manufacturing operations. Currently, only a 60 person spinnerete production operation is active. All former nylon manufacturing buildings are being razed, with completion scheduled for the end of 2002.

EPA issued a RCRA Corrective Action Permit for the facility in July 1991. The permit has expired but EPA and DuPont have agreed to continue the corrective action process under the terms of the permit.

The Solution

EPA and DuPont have developed a streamlined approach to investigate known

and suspected releases, and to evaluate and implement corrective measures. The investigations conducted at the site were focused on developing quick solutions and obtaining the data needed to evaluate Environmental Indicators (CA-725 and CA-750).

After building demolition is complete, the former manufacturing land areas will be low-cost leased to Henry County for development as an industrial park. DuPont's 50 million gallons/day water withdrawal rights will also be made available to benefit the County's efforts. Additionally, selected buildings and land parcels, including the former plant manager's residence, fire training area, administration building, and a 46-acre wildlife area have been donated to various worthy organizations.

The Benefit

The Henry County area has been negatively impacted from the economic hardships of the textile industrial sector. Several manufacturers in the Martinsville area have closed or relocated. The planned redevelopment of the DuPont site as an industrial park will assist in the economic revitalization of the area. The site offers a very valuable water supply, road and rail access, electric, gas and sewer utilities, and open space for new construction.

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